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U.S. Department of **Transportation** Office of the Secretary of Transportation

DEPARTMENT ACTION ON APPLICATION IN DOCKET OST-2000-7902- 2

(Joint Application of Delta Air Lines, Inc. & South African Airways requesting authority to permit South African Airways to display Delta's designator code on South African Airways' flights beyond Johannesburg/Cape Town, South Africa, to Nairobi, Kenya)

Approved under assigned authority (14 CFR §385.13).

Date of Action: JUNE 20, 2001

This action is subject to the conditions attached. Persons entitled to petition the Department for review of this action under the Department's regulations, 14 CFR §385.30, should file their petitions within ten days of the date of this action. This action is effective immediately, and the filing of a petition for review will not alter its effectiveness.

South African Airways/Delta Air Lines, Inc. Statement of Authorization Docket OST-2000-7902

The code-share operations authorized here are subject to the following conditions:

- (a) The statements of authorization will remain in effect only as long as (i) Delta and South African Airways continue to hold the necessary underlying authority to operate the code-share services at issue, and (ii) the code-share agreement providing for the code-share operations remains in effect;
- (b) Delta and/or South African Airways must notify the Department immediately if the code-share agreement under which these code-share services are operated is no longer in effect or if the carriers decide to cease operating all or a portion of the code-share services under the agreement. We expect this notification to be received within 10 days of such non-effectiveness or of such decision. Such notices should be filed in Docket OST-2000-7902;
- (c) The code-sharing operations conducted under this authority must comply with 14 CFR 257 and with any amendments to the Department's regulations concerning code-share arrangements that may be adopted. Notwithstanding any provisions in the contract between the carriers, our approval here is expressly conditioned upon the requirements that the subject foreign air transportation be sold in the name of the carrier holding out such service in computer reservation systems and elsewhere; that the carrier selling such transportation (*i.e.*, the carrier shown on the ticket) accept responsibility for the entirety of the code-share journey for all obligations established in its contract of carriage with the passenger; that the passenger liability of the operating carrier be unaffected; and that the operating carrier shall not permit the code of its U.S. code-sharing partner to be carried on any flight that enters, departs, or transits the airspace of any area for whose airspace the Federal Aviation Administration has issued a flight prohibition;
- (d) The authority granted here is specifically conditioned so that neither Delta nor South African Airways shall give any force or effect to any contractual provisions between themselves that are contrary to these conditions.

We may amend, modify, or revoke this authority at any time without hearing.